

# **City of Boston In City Council**

## **HEARING ORDER**

### **Regarding Development of the Ferdinand's Complex**

By  
Councillor Chuck Turner

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- Whereas, in the late 1990s, the Massachusetts State Legislature designated the former site of the Ferdinand's furniture company and an adjoining building as the location of a state office building; and
- Whereas, in 2003, Governor Mitt Romney announced that he was not moving forward with the project; and
- Whereas, in 2006, Mayor Thomas Menino announced that the City would initiate a major development effort in Dudley Square involving the building of a new police headquarters for Police District B2, the redevelopment of the former site of Ferdinand's and the adjoining building, as well identify a developer to build a retail complex at the site of the former B2 Police Headquarters; and
- Whereas, at the Ways and Means Committee hearing on May 14, 2010, Michael Galvin, Director of Property Management for the City of Boston, and Joe Mulligan, Assistant Director of Property Management, stated that the financial pressure may delay the development; and
- Whereas, it is important that the community is kept informed of the progress or lack of progress on the development at the Ferdinand's site. Therefore, Be It
- Ordered, that the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing and invite the Director of Property Management to report on progress on the development of the Ferdinand's site, the timetable for construction, and the departments that are being considered for relocation to the Ferdinand's building.